

# Arkansas Wildlife Federation

An independent voice for Arkansas wildlife.





# About AWF:

- Founded in 1936
- 501 c 3 nonprofit
- Statewide
- Arkansas affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation
- Mission: To ensure a thriving future for Arkansas wildlife.
- An independent voice for Arkansas wildlife.







# History Highlights

- 1936 - founded
- 1944 – led the way for Amendment 35 establishing the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as a constitutional agency empowered to create and enforce wildlife regulations
- 1946 – began publishing *Arkansas Out of Doors*
- 1960 – began annual (Governor's) Conservation Achievement Awards
- 1962 – joined with Ozark Society to fight damming of Buffalo River
- 1980/90's – helped develop and pass Amendment 75, establishing the statewide 1/8 Cent Conservation Sales Tax





## Core Focus Areas

- Education & Community Engagement
- Advocacy & Coalition-building
- Partnerships & Collaboration





## Why the Private Lands Leadership Academy?

- 380 species of greatest conservation need
- Habitat loss leading cause of species decline
- 90% of land in AR is privately owned
- The future of Arkansas wildlife is largely in the hands of private landowners
- YOU are the frontlines for private lands habitat work



# A Holistic Habitat Approach



- Conservation, Protection, and Preservation
- Healthy habitats include a complex web of species interacting on the landscape
- “The first law of intelligent tinkering is to save all the parts.” – Aldo Leopold







# Private Lands Leadership Academy

Expectations & Norms



Intentional Learning  
= Learning with Purpose

Principles of Adult  
Learning – Professional  
Development

Why are you here?



## Our Objective:

Develop leaders in private lands conservation, creating stronger, lasting outcomes for wildlife habitat and species diversity in Arkansas.







## Set Your Intention

How will you show up during this training?

What do you want to get out of this opportunity?

## Expectations

Attend all modules, in full.

Be an active participant.

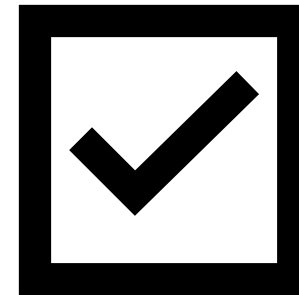
Virtual Sessions – be present.

Do your homework and come prepared.

Provide us with your valuable feedback.

Respond to emails promptly.

Daily log, processing, and reflection.







Thank you!

